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It is considered necessary that FBIB retain its present liaison officer to continue contacts with the research personnel at the desk level in intelligence agencies. This liaison activity can be carried out without encroaching upon the intelligence requirements function of OCD. A clear distinction can be made between "working liaison" and "obtaining formal requirements".

It is our understanding that OCD provides FBIB with the formal requirements of the several agencies which make use of foreign radio material. These formal requirements indicate to FBIB what it, as a collection unit, should collect. In order to perform efficiently within the limitations established by such formal intelligence directives FBIB must work constantly with the research people making use of its material to determine how the material should be produced and how the formal requirements can be best implemented.

The individual who handles this working liaison for FBIB with the intelligence research agencies must work with them on a day to day basis. He must be thoroughly familiar with the material collected by FBIB so that questions pertaining to it can be answered intelligently. He should be in a position to discuss with any specific researcher the type of material available that day on the subject matters the researcher is interested in as reported to FBIB through the OCD formal requirements. With this knowledge, the liaison officer can determine how much material on a given subject is needed and in what form.

To summarize, the principal function of the liaison officer is to keep the FBIB staff advised as to how it can most successfully meet the needs of the intelligence research units within the broad limits of the formal requirements determined by OCD. The only way this can be done effectively is if the liaison representative is thoroughly familiar with the material being collected, and is in a position to maintain contact with the research staffs on a daily basis so the material can be handled with the speed that is necessary for the fullest utilization of this type of information.

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